



Australian and New Zealand Map Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Thursday 04 September 2014

17.15 NZST

Attendance: Mark Bagnall, Phillip Clarkson, Karen Craw, Andrew Eliason, Amy Griffin, Alison Holland, Robert King, John Manning, Maggie Patton (Chair), Larry Robbins, Judith Scurfield, Julie Senior, Jennifer Sheehan, Ian Snowdon, Brendan Whyte, Barbara Wojtkowski, Martin Woods (17 present)

	Item	Discussion
1.	Apologies	Robert Clancy, Greg Eccleston, David Jones, Dorothy Prescott, Victor Prescott, Frank Urban.
2.	Previous AGM minutes and matters arising	<p>The Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting were posted on the ANZMapS website and copies were distributed to the meeting. Moved Jennifer Sheehan and Seconded Martin Woods, that the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting as distributed be accepted.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scanning back copies of the AMC Newsletter: Judith Scurfield is in possession of a full set, which could be scanned to make them available via the ANZMapS website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: Ongoing. To be carried over to the next AGM.
3.	President's report (tabled)	<p>President Maggie Patton spoke to her report which was distributed to the meeting</p> <p> President's report 2014.docx</p> <p>Maggie expressed her appreciation to the Committee for their dedicated efforts during the year. Her main concerns were the difficulties of attracting new membership, and keeping the Society going. The highlight of the year was the NLA "Mapping Our World" exhibition, which attracted over 118,000 visitors; a great achievement. Maggie also mentioned the Australasian Rare Books Summer School, to be held 26-30 January 2015 in Wellington, New Zealand. It has 3 study streams – History of Cartography/Maps, Geographic Information Systems for Digital Humanities, and, Artistic Printing.</p> <p>Moved Amy Griffin and Seconded Judith Scurfield, that the Report as distributed be accepted. CARRIED</p>
4.	Business Manager's report (tabled)	<p>Martin Woods spoke to his report which was distributed to the meeting</p> <p> Business Manager 2014.docx</p> <p>A statement of income and expenditure was circulated to the Membership. A drop in membership</p>

		<p>registrations was offset by a good attendance record at the last Conference in Melbourne.. There has been no increase in fees for the last 4 years.</p> <p>Moved Maggie Patton and Seconded Phillip Clarkson, that the Report as distributed be accepted. CARRIED</p>
5.	Report of the Editor of The Globe	<p>Brendan Whyte as Editor of The Globe spoke to his report which was distributed to the meeting</p>  <p>2014 Globe editors report.doc</p> <p>Issue no. 75 was posted to the Membership before the commencement of the conference. Brendan has no further papers on hand but is looking forward to many authors depositing their presentations for publication in future issues of The Globe.</p> <p>The Globe was considered for inclusion on the UK repository Jisc (Joint Information Systems Committee, now known as Jisc) but it was rejected as being a niche product; Brendan concluded this is beneficial as ANZMapS retains control of the journal and ownership of content.</p> <p>Moved Barbara Wojtkowski and Seconded Maggie Patton, that the Report as distributed be accepted. CARRIED</p>
6.	Regional reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NLA Canberra – The “Mapping Our World” exhibition was a great success, but involved a great deal of work and planning, not just of NLA staff but also from international contributors such as Peter Barber (British Library). Martin Woods acknowledges the support of the NLA and the continued generosity of that institution, as well as individual Heads of Departments and of the wider team members. b) State Library of New South Wales - The SLNSW recently purchased a collection of manuscript charts of the Pacific documenting the final years of Spanish exploration in the Pacific. http://library.sl.nsw.gov.au/record=b4158891~S2 c) To mark the two-hundredth anniversary of the death of Matthew Flinders and publication of <i>A Voyage to Terra Australis</i>, the Hakluyt Society will launch its new scholarly two-volume edition of Flinders’ <i>Investigator</i> Journal in Australia later this year. Details of events to be held in Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide & Sydney can be found on the Society’s website: http://www.hakluyt.com/australian_members.htm <i>Australia Circumnavigated: The Voyage of Matthew Flinders in HMS Investigator, 1801-1803.</i> Edited by Professor Kenneth Morgan. d) Sydney Map Group – Maggie Patton reported a continued strong interest in and support for the SMG which meets irregularly in Sydney. The email invitation list includes around 80 with an average of 30 individuals attending each event. e) State Library of Victoria – a dinner was held in celebration of Dorothy & Victor Prescott’s 60th wedding anniversary. f) Judith Scurfield represented ANZMapS at the RMIT University Geospatial Science Students Association (GSSA) dinner, where the Patricia Alonso Memorial Prize of AUS\$500 and a year’s subscription to ANZMapS was awarded to Laura Jelfs. g) Judith Scurfield has announced her retirement, as of 25th September 2014, from her role as Map Librarian at the SLV, but will continue with Society activities.
7.	Election of Officers	<p>The President stepped down, and the returning officer, Julie Senior, occupied the Chair. She reported that nominations for positions on the Australian and New Zealand Map Society Committee closed on Friday 29th August 2014. There being only one nomination received for each position, the nominees were accepted.</p> <p>President: Maggie Patton Vice-President: Martin Woods Business Manager: Andrew Eliason Secretary: Julie Senior</p> <p>Committee member: Jennifer Sheehan</p>

		<p>Committee member: Phillip Clarkson Editor of The Globe: Brendan Whyte</p> <p>Moved Karen Crow and Seconded Jennifer Sheehan, that this result be accepted. CARRIED</p> <p>Maggie Patton, the returning President, reoccupied the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.</p>
8.	General business	<p>a) Online banking Martin Woods (as immediate past Business Manager) and Andrew Eliason (current BM) appraised the Membership with a brief outline of the difficulties of conducting the financial business of the Society without access to online banking.</p> <p>“The Membership moves that the Committee is empowered to investigate and enact upon any appropriate measures and safeguards, to make the Business Manager’s role more efficient, and to conduct the Society’s financial business online”.</p> <p>Moved Amy Griffin, Seconded Karen Crow, this motion be accepted.</p> <p>CARRIED unanimously</p> <p>b) ANZMapS website Maggie Patton appraised the Membership regarding renewal of the ANZMapS website. There are already certain ideas in motion - with the assistance of a professional website developer - and transferring some content deemed essential as well as new features for members to provide news and discussion.</p> <p>c) Oral History Project Martin Woods, as a member of the Advisory Committee for this project, reported on the joint initiative between the NLA and GeoScience Australia. The OHP is a two-year project (commenced 2013) hoping to capture 80 subjects has got off to a slow start with just 13 people invited for interview, and only 5 conducted to date. The aim is for the oral archive to go online and be freely accessible (unless the interviewees impose restrictions).</p> <p>d) ANZMapS conference 2015: The next conference entitled The Power of Maps is jointly organised with the Mapping Sciences Institute, Australia (MSIA); it will be held 29th April-1st May 2015, at the National Library of Australia, Canberra.</p> <p>e) Judith Scurfield raised the question of awarding the Dorothy Prescott Prize at joint conferences, as it is not physically possible to attend all the presentations and therefore judge them fairly. The Committee resolved to be more proactive about promoting the prize.</p>
9.	Closing comments	<p>The Membership demonstrated their appreciation to the Committee, and to the Organisers of the conference.</p> <p>Meeting closed 18.14 hrs.</p>

Julie Senior
Secretary
11 September 2014